


**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
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DATE: FEB -7 2006

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Public Assistance Confidentiality of Information Amendment Act of 2006"

REFERENCE: B16-571

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would amend the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982 to protect the confidentiality of personal information of the recipients of public benefits through the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Income Maintenance Administration (IMA). The legislation requires DHS and IMA to provide recipients with a written notice of privacy practices and the conditions governing inspection of records. It further limits the agency's ability to disclose personal information to third parties and regulates the circumstances under which a recipient's information can be released.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to fund this legislation as no additional spending is required¹.

¹ Any additional or unexpected costs will be absorbed by existing resources within IMA.